

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, for more than forty years we have recognized older Americans during the month of May and honored them for their contributions to their communities and their sacrifices in securing the blessings of freedom for all of us; and

WHEREAS, the state White House Conference on Aging and the national White House Conference on Aging are focusing awareness on the issues that will arise as the first wave of the 78 million strong Baby Boomer generation begins retiring next year; and

WHEREAS, making positive changes in food choices and physical activity can help prevent, delay, and even treat many of the leading chronic ailments of our seniors, leading to a happier and more prosperous retirement; and

WHEREAS, with the theme, "Celebrate Long-Term Living," this year's observance encourages our working together to advance the quality of life in our state through increased physical activity and improved eating habits to help our 656,000 seniors experience a satisfying longevity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 2005 as

OLDER SOUTH CAROLINIANS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to honor our seniors and recognize their many contributions and to support their families, caregivers, and the organizations that provide opportunities for every resident of the Palmetto State to age with independence and dignity.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA